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Pardon the intrusion, but—are you a subscriber to your home paper or do you “just get it?”

Of course, Judge Winston is man enough for the job, but what the district wants is the man for the job.

Getting down to brass tacks, are you a decoration to this town, or just an ornament? Which, and if so, why eum?

In their haste to get back home for breakfast, those Germans may have attacked one of our ships by mistake. Who knows?

We are sorry to note the death by strangulation of an English sparrow who tried to take a dust bath on Tenth street this morning.

Things that didn't happen: Farmer Jones was on the tobacco market here today with a load of fine tobacco which brought him 25c per pound.

Why Doesn't Scotland Neck put in a petition to the government to establish an armor plate factory here. It doesn't cost anything—that is—the petition.

We are selling this paper at one dollar a year. You get it twice as often any other county paper, which insures you more news and fresher news. Get the idiom?

You may think you're the stuff, Susanna; but this burg has heard you gas before. You should take out a license if you want to discuss things. (Note)—reader will please re-arrange this if not satisfactory.

We have before us a copy of premium list of the First Annual Rocky Mount Fair, which will be held October 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1916. A feature of this fair will be the exceedingly liberal purses for horse racing, no less than \$4,000 to be given. The officers and directors of the Rocky Mount Fair Co., are men of integrity and ability to make it a winner. Mr. W. E. Fenner, a Halifax boy, is president. As it is a fair for this whole section, it is proper that Halifax make preparations to participate in it. Mr. Sam A. Dunn of Scotland Neck is a director and Mr. J. E. Bowers, our county treasurer, is an honorary vice-president.

## A LIAR STALKETH FORTH

We herewith extend our sincere thanks to the person or persons who is maliciously scattering the report that The Commonwealth is “on its last legs.” The news has just reached us via the usual route, and although we faint would learn the identity of the proslyte, we will lose no sleep on account of the failure to locate him. We offer no reward for his capture, would not sue him for damages should we know him; yet we would like to hold him up to the people as an example of the modern Annanias.

It is an open secret that business is not booming here so far as newspaper patronage is concerned, yet the Commonwealth rejoices that it has a most splendid patronage from a majority of home merchants. To each of them we extend thanks, although we believe the quality and quantity of matter we produce for the public's perusal is beyond criticism, considering everything.

On March 21, 1916, the Commonwealth launched itself anew upon the sea of journalism with the only semi-weekly edition in five adjoining counties, with one exception the only one in the district, and THE ONLY SEMI-WEEKLY not printed in a daily office.

We have steadily gained supporters since that time, and to each of them we extend felicitations. They know that we are producing the goods, and as an attest, they are interested sufficiently to pay for what they get. We have the only bona-fide subscription list in the county. That is another feather in our cap. We have an equipment second to none, that enables us to give you quantity. To everybody who is not a subscriber, we say: “Come on in, the water's fine.” To our enemies we have a feeling of sympathy. To the prevaricator who would do us harm by broadcasting untruthful reports, we feel a deep pity. Our business is open and above board; these columns contain all remarks we have for our fellow man.

The fact that we continue to receive support from liberal merchants and business concerns in increasing quantities is no doubt displeasing to some, there are others who rejoice to see that we are 34 years young and going good.

## BEFORE WE CHOKE!

Instead of calling upon the town commissioners to rout the city market, which has been unjustly dubbed “the town's disgrace,” would it not be a good idea for the people to petition that honorable body to appropriate a sufficient amount of money to purchase

a street sprinkler? The streets of this town are more dusty than a rundown country road. Every time a little gust of winds comes, the germ-laden dust floats around in space until it finally lands in our throats or in the business houses on the goods. A fly screen does not shift the dust, neither does a prayer for rain always bring it. Speaking about sanitary conditions, we are informed that more people die of the white plague and typhoid fever in this state each year than from any other diseases. Scientists of note long ago discovered that dust contained more deadly germs that prove fatal to the human being than ever emanated from a market stall that has an odor, although the latter is disgusting to the sense of smell. We are not rising to the rescue of any person in business in the town's market but a recent investigation on our part revealed the fact that this institution was not near so black as it was painted. We had a conversation with a market man and we quizzed him generously. We asked him about the possibility of infectious meats caused by the fly and he told us that very few insects gained admittance. He was under the impression that all this agitation regarding the market house came from persons, directly and indirectly, affected by the recent edict of the town commissioners making it a misdemeanor to sell or offer for sale meats at any other place than in the city market. As we just said, we are not taking up for this market man; in fact we think he could improve conditions around his place of business, but let it be remembered that the whole town is to blame for the unsanitary conditions generally, and they can not be remedied until we go about the undertaking in a sensible way. This thing of howling oftentimes results after a lick has been hit. And the public of Scotland Neck is not at all ignorant to this fact either. Let us dampen the dust so that it will not fly down our throats, damage our goods and ruin the opinion of strangers who sometimes have occasion to drop in our town. Money appropriated for a town sprinkler will be well spent.

Could Be an Annual Affair.  
It is well for the people of Wilmington to note that their intention to make the Feast of Lanterns an annual fete occasion is meeting with hearty approval from people in different parts of the State, which shows that there is no reason why it should not come to pass.

As other places have expositions or fairs there is no reason why Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach should not have a yearly event. The Feast of Lanterns will be exceptional, too, in that it will be an annual summer event.

Showing that the State will help out we were struck by an editorial reference made by Editor Sharpe, of the Lumberton Robesonian. After expressing regret that he could not be present, he observed that there should be no obstacles in the way of having such an annual fete, saying:

“The town of Wrightsville Beach, with the citizens of Wilmington cooperating, purpose to make the Feast of Lanterns an annual State-wide summer event. And what they have purposed in their hearts to do they will do; of that there can be no doubt; for the people who have their local habitation in those two towns know how to do charming and delightful things, things that hit you straight between the eyes and make you gasp with wonder and delight. And even so, we doubt not, was it with this Feast of Lanterns.”

We acknowledge the tribute made the folks of these two towns and we are sure that they will endeavor to live up to their reputation. Continuing, in approving and “pulling” for the event to be a mixture, Editor Sharpe cleverly says:

“A sort of Mardi Gras they intend to make of this Feast of Lanterns, we understand—fete days that will draw into Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach folks from all over, even as the great New Orleans event, especially from the entire South and most especially from all parts of North Carolina. It will be a ‘sort of a bolom’ cosmopolitan,’ in a manner of speaking, and from henceforth nobody in the State will dare to miss it.”

“Why not? Why should not North Carolina have a yearly fete for the enjoyment and profit of which thousands would gather from all over the State and from other States? And everybody knows that Wrightsville Beach is the ideal place for such an event.”

“It is our own guess that the Feast of Lanterns has arrived and will occupy the center of the stage every August, and that the fiery-eyed dragon shall on these joyous occasions eat up more gloom than all other months of the year can gather. Selah!”

It is a remarkable fact, confirmed by many observations, that many physicians who have devoted considerable labor to the study of a particular disease have themselves died of that disease. One of the most interesting examples is that of John Daniel Major, born August 16, 1834, in Breslau, a physician and naturalist of no mean ability. Bitten early by the wanderlust, he studied at Wittenburg, took courses at many of the schools in Germany, and finally went to Italy where he received the degree of doctor of medicine at Padua in 1860. Returning to his own country, he resided for a short time in Silesia, and in 1861 married at Wittenburg, Margaret Dorothy, a daughter of the celebrated Sennert. The following year, his young wife was stricken with plague and died after an illness of eight days. Distracted

by his loss, Major wandered up and down Europe studying plague wherever he found it in the hope that he might discover a cure for the disease which had bereaved him. Spain, Germany, France and Russia were visited by him. He settled in 1865 in Kiel, where he was made professor of botany and the director of botanical gardens. He made frequent voyages, however, always in quest of the remedy for plague. Finally in 1893, he was called to Stockholm to treat the queen of Charles the Eleventh, then ill with plague. But before he could render her any service he contracted the disease and died on the third of August.

The bubonic plague of today is identical with the black death of the Middle Ages. Primarily a disease of rodents caused by a short dumb-bell shaped microscopic vegetable, the pest bacillus, it occurs in man in three forms; the pneumonia, which has a death rate of almost 100 per cent; the septicemic, which is nearly as fatal, and the bubonic in which even with the most modern methods of treatment the mortality is about 50 per cent. It is a disease of commerce, spreading around the globe in the body of the shipborne rat. It is estimated that every case of human plague costs the municipality in which it occurs at least \$7,500. This does not take into account the enormous loss due to disastrous quarantines and the commercial paralysis which the fear of the disease so frequently produces.

The disease is now treated by a serum discovered through the genius of Yersin. This is used in much the same way as is diphtheria antitoxin. Plague is transferred from the sick rodent to the well man by fleas. The blood is taken by the flea which, leaving the sick rat, seeks refuge and sustenance on the body of a human being to whom it transfers the infection.

Since plague is a disease of rodents and since it is carried from sick rodents to well men by rodent fleas, safety from the disease lies in the exclusion from the habitation of man but also from the ports and cities of the world. Those who dwell in rat-proof surroundings take no plague. Not only should man dwell in rat-proof surroundings, but he should also live in a rat-free surroundings. The day is past when the rodent served a useful purpose as the unpaid city scavenger. Rats will not come where there is no food for them. Municipal cleanliness may be regarded as a partial insurance against plague. The prayer that no plague come high our dwelling is best answered, however, by rat-proofing the habitations of man. Modern sanitary science has evolved a simple and efficient weapon against the pestilence which walketh in darkness and striketh at noonday, and the U. S. Public Health Service has put this knowledge into practical operation and thus speedily eradicated plague wherever it has appeared in the United States.

## GOLDSBORO LAWYER FINED FOR ASSAULTING SCHOOL SUPT.

Goldsboro, Aug. 23.—J. L. Barham, the Goldsboro lawyer who several weeks ago assaulted School Superintendent J. W. Huffington, was yesterday fined \$25 by Judge Stacey, presiding over superior court here. The provocation for the assault was Mr. Huffington's punishment of Mr. Barham's nine-year-old boy. Mr. Barham had cautioned Mr. Huffington's predecessor that he did not countenance corporal punishment of his child in school. He lost his temper when the little fellow told him he had been whipped. Yesterday he expressed regret both for the assault and for the language he used to Mr. Huffington.

## WORK RESUMED ON NEW HOSEIERY MILL

Contractors Keel and Russell have resumed work on the Crescent Hosiery Company's new plant, which is in course of erection near the old plant on Ninth street. Scarcity of material or rather failure to get same has delayed the work to some extent.

## NOTICE

By virtue of the power vested in me by degree of the Court in that Special Proceeding, pending in the Superior Court at Halifax County, North Carolina, and entitled “R. G. Allsbrook, Adm'r of Allen Mabry, Jr., deceased, against Lizzie Mabry Knight and Maggie Lee Mabry, the last two being infants, without guardian of Allen Mabry, Jr., deceased.” I will on the 2nd day of September, 1916, sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder in the town of Hobgood, N. C., in front of the Bank of Hobgood, at 11 o'clock, a. m., the following described real estate, lying and being in Halifax County, North Carolina, to wit:

Beginning at a stake on the Hobgood Tarboro Road; thence along said road S. 40 1/2 W., 4 78-100 chains to a stake on said road (This stake lies S. 60 3/4 W., from a large elm in Allen Mabry's yard); thence S. 18 W., 52-25 chains to a gum in the Downing line; thence along said line, N. 45 E., 7-91 chains to the dividing line; thence along said line N. 18 W., 46-96 chains, S. 71 1/2 W., 1-40 chains N. 37 W., 4-50 chains, to the beginning, containing thirty six acres, being the same land allotted to Allen Mabry, Jr., in the judgment in that action entitled Allen Mabry, Jr., by his general guardian, Hugh Johnson, vs. Allen Mabry, Sr., said judgment being docketed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court at Halifax County, North Carolina, in Judgment Docket No. 10 on page 211. This the 21st day of July, 1916.

STUART SMITH, Commissioner.

## SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES.

I will sell for cash to the highest bidder at the courthouse door at Halifax, N. C., Monday, Sept. 4, 1916, the following land, to satisfy taxes and cost for the year 1915 in Palmyra township, as follows:

- Palmyra Township—White.**  
Mrs E B Hussey, 80 Acres Ware land \$17.92.  
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Allen Mabry, 38 acres Pocosin land, \$5.96.  
Bryant Smith, 250 acres Burrell land, \$39.16.  
Helen Smith, 5 acres Piney wood, \$2.13.  
Geo. Shearin, 10 acres Bryant land, \$7.95.  
John Harr, 6 acres Piney wood, \$2.13.  
John H. Harr, 250 acres Davsons, \$24.76.  
Joe Harris, 1 acre Piney wood, \$1.57.  
Tom W Harris, 2 Ferrall land, \$5.69.  
Robt. Ferrall estate, 15 acres Piney wood, \$1.62.  
Martha Ames, 2 acres Piney wood, \$1.17.  
Alex James, 11 acres, \$4.25.  
Martha James, 10 1/2 acres Pineywood \$2.13.  
John Knight, 2 town lots Hobgood, \$3.62.  
Mrs. Pattie King, 5 town lots Hobgood, \$4.76.  
Mrs. Olivia Lucas, 1 town lot Hobgood, \$1.17.  
Lula Moore, 1 town lot Hobgood, \$1.58.  
J. F. Savage, 2 town lots Hobgood, \$1.89.  
Joe Shields, 25 acres Bulluck land, \$3.74.  
Frank Tootle, 53 1/2 acres Piney wood \$2.22.  
Nelson Clark, 1 town lot in Scotland Neck, \$4.06.  
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## REPORT DEUTSCHLAND IS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

On Her Return Trip to Germany From The United States.

London, Aug. 24.—The German merchant-submarine Deutschland which arrived at the mouth of the Weiser river on Wednesday was slightly damaged, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch, from the Hague today.

The voyage from Baltimore to Germany was made in 23 days. A German wireless dispatch picked up on the English coast says that all members of Captain Koenig's crew were well.

Reports from Bremen state that the Deutschland's arrival surprised the directors of the ocean company, as it was not expected until a later date.

Captain Koenig is being feted as a national hero and has been summoned to headquarters by the Kaiser to receive the Kaiser's personal congratulations.

The “Deutschland” traveled 4200 miles on her homeward voyage. At the beginning the sea was stormy, but later it became more calm. The “Deutschland” proved to be able to navigate the stormy seas excellently. Her engines worked faultlessly. No icebergs were passed on the journey.

The American government, says the dispatch, acted in a correct manner as a neutral, rigorously enforcing respect for its frontier from British and French warships, by the employment of its own men-of-war.

After the British cruiser entered Chesapeake Bay at night even more effective measure were taken to enforce neutrality. No less than eight British warships, it is said, were on the alert surrounded by numerous small American vessels which had been chartered for the purpose of placing nets and obtaining information as to the movements of the “Deutschland.” Nevertheless the submarine succeeded in leaving undetected. A distance of 100 miles was traversed under water without difficulty.

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35	34.75	34.75	5.90	
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